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1. AFTER APPROVAL BY ITS BUREAU ON JULY 6, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY JULY 7 LATE AFTERNOON CONFIRMED DR. (MEDICAL) JOSEPH CONOMBO AS THE FIRST PRIME MINISTER OF THE "THIRD REPUBLIC".
VOTE WAS 29 IN FAVOR (THE SOLID MAJORITY BLOC), 27 ABSTENTIONS, AND 1 OPPOSING. PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROCESS-- IF NOT THE VOTING, WITH THE ONCE EXCEPTION -- MARKS THE RE-ENGAGEMENT BY THE 28-MEMBER OPPOSITION GROUP WHICH HAD BOYCOTTED SESSIONS SINCE JUNE 9. THE OPPOSITION'S RENEWED PRESENCE IN THE ASSEMBLY WAS FIRST REGISTREREDAT THE PRESENT-ATION OF CONOMBO THE PREVIOUS DAY AS PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S PRIME MINITERIAL CHOICE.

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3.COMMENT OPPOSITION WILL RECEIVE SOM SSEMBLY BUREAU POSITIONS (ALTHOUGH NOT THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT SPOT IT HAD SOUGHT) AND PERHAPS SOME RELATIVELY IMPORTANT -- BUT NOT KEY POLICY -- MINISTERIAL POSTS. THE NAMING OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT MINISTERS IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

4. WE EXPECT A NEW GOVERNMENT LINE-UP WHICH WILL PROBABLY CONTAIN SOME OLD FACES (KARGOUGOU MAY AGAIN BE DESIGNATED FOREIGN MINISTER). THE NEWLY CONSITUTED GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH THE U.S.-- A STEADY UPPER VOLTAN THEME-- ITS THIRD WORLD NON-ALIGNED STANCE, AND ITS ACTIVE SOLICITATION OF U.S. AND OTHER DONOR PARTICIPATION IN UPPER VOLTA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. KILLION

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